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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. AND 1.10**

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**Preliminary Classification:**

Proposed Class:

Subclass:

NOTE: "All applicants are requested to include a preliminary classification on newly filed patent applications. The preliminary classification, preferably class and subclass designations, should be identified in the upper right-hand corner of the letter of transmittal accompanying the application papers, for example 'Proposed Class 2, subclass 129.'" M.P.E.P. Section 601, 7th ed.

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**Mail Stop Patent Application  
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Identifier No.: 67264/03-622

For (title): INTEGRATED MUD FLAP WEIGHT

**1. Type of Application**

This new application is for a(n)

- ☒ Original (nonprovisional)
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Plant
- ☐ Divisional.
- ☐ Continuation.
- ☐ Continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

**2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s)** (35 U.S.C. Sections 119(e), 120, or 121)

- ☐ The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s). This application is a \_\_\_\_\_ of corresponding application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Papers Enclosed**

**A. Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. Section 1.153 (Design) Application**

  5   Pages of Specification  
  3   Pages of Claims  
  1   Pages of Abstract  
  2   Sheets of Drawing [Formal]

- ☐ The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.84(b).

- ☐ Formal
- ☐ Informal

**B. Other Papers Enclosed**

       Pages of declaration and power of attorney  
       Pages of assignment  
  1   Nonpublication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i)  
  2   Initial Application Data Sheet  
       None  
       Other

**4. Additional Papers Enclosed**

- ☐ Amendment to claims
  - ☐ Cancel in this applications claims \_\_\_\_\_ before calculating the filing fee.  
(At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
  - ☐ Add the claims shown on the attached amendment. (Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims.)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- ☐ Citations
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.
- ☐ Authorization of Attorney(s) to Accept and Follow Instructions from Representative
- ☐ Special Comments
- ☐ Other

**5. Declaration or Oath (including power of attorney)**

- ☐ Enclosed

Executed by

- ☐ inventor(s).
- ☐ legal representative of inventor(s). 37 C.F.R. Section 1.42 or 1.43.
- ☐ joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.
  - ☐ This is the petition required by 37 C.F.R. Section 1.47 and the statement required by 37 C.F.R. Section 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below for fee.

- ☒ Not Enclosed.

- ☐ Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. 1.41 on behalf of *all* the above named inventor(s).

- ☐ Showing that the filing is authorized.

**6. Inventorship Statement**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

☒ The same.

or

☐ Not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,  
☐ is submitted.  
☐ will be submitted.

**7. Language**

☒ English  
☐ Non-English

☐ The attached translation includes a statement that the translation is accurate. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.52(d).

**8. Assignment**

☒ An assignment of the invention to

☐ is attached. A separate  
☐ "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT)  
ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or  
☐ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.  
☒ will follow.  
☐ Assignment previously recorded on \_\_\_\_\_ at Reel \_\_\_\_ / Frame \_\_\_\_.

**9. Certified Copy**

Certified copy(ies) of application(s)  
Country:  
Application No.:  
Filed:

from which priority is claimed

☐ is (are) attached.  
☐ will follow.

**10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)**

A. ☒ Regular application

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(c))	10	- 20 =	0 x	\$ 18.00	0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b))	2	- 3 =	0 x	\$ 86.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d))			+	\$290.00	0.00

☐ Amendment cancelling extra claims is enclosed.  
☐ Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.  
☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

Filing Fee Calculation

\$770.00

- B. ☐ Design application  
(\$340.00--37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(f))  
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- C. ☐ Plant application  
(\$530.00--37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(g))  
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**11. Small Entity Statement(s)**

- ☐ Small entity statement is claimed at this time.
- ☒ Small entity statement is not claimed at this time.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of A, B or C above) \$\_\_\_\_\_

**12. Request for International-Type Search (37 C.F.R. Section 1.104(d))**

*(complete, if applicable)*

- ☐ Please prepare an international-type search report for this application at the time when national examination on the merits takes place.

**13. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

☒ Not Enclosed

☒ No filing fee is to be paid at this time.

☐ Enclosed

☐ Filing fee \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Recording assignment  
(\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h))  
(See attached "COVER SHEET FOR  
ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW  
APPLICATION.") \$\_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.47 and 1.17(I)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ For processing an application with a specification in a non-English language (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.52(d) and 1.17(k)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.53(d) and 1.21(l)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Fee for international-type search report (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(e)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Fees Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Method of Payment of Fees**

- ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

**15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No..
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a).
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b))

**16. Instructions as to Overpayment**

☐ Credit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
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**17. Correspondence Address**

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Respectfully submitted,

2/12/04  
**DATE**

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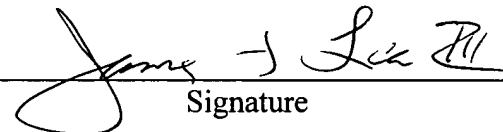
**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i)**

Docket No.	67264/03-622
Identifier No.	67264/03-622
Title	Integrated Mud Flap Weight

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

2/12/04

Date

  
Signature

James F. Lea III

Typed or printed name

Registration No. 41,143

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**